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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: the parenthesis in lines 4,6,10 of the claim should be removed. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 4,579,754 to Mauer et al (hereinafter Mauer).

Mauer discloses a personalized multilayer support in the general shape of a card (id card figure 1 and abstract) comprising a card body (13,26) which is provided on an upper face with personal information (21,31) which is visible from the exterior of the support, an at least partially transparent film (11,28) fixed to the upper face of the card body and marker lines (15-19,29,30) which delimit zones of the film having reduced or increased mechanical strength, forming tear scores so that the film is torn if an attempt is made to peel off the film (inherently these delimited zones would provide some degree of tearing if peeling was attempted),

wherein the marker lines depict at least one identification motif which is visible from the exterior of the support (column 5 lines 4-9), as recited in claim 1.

Mauer discloses the marker lines comprise weld beads formed at the interface between the film and card body (the examiner takes the position that the material remaining between the film and body after heat is transferred to the areas of 15-17 and 29, for example, by the laser constitutes a weld bead), as recited in claim 2.

Mauer discloses the marker lines comprise grooves (17,19,30 for example) formed in at least one of the faces of the film (11,28); as recited in claim 3.

Mauer discloses the grooves pass through the entire thickness of the film (19,30 pass through to card body 13 and 28), as recited in claim 4.

Mauer discloses the marker lines comprise grooves on at least one face of the film and marks and/or welds at the interface between the transparent film and the adjacent card body (17,19,30 can be considered the grooves and 15,16,29 can be considered marks), as recited in claim 5.

Mauer discloses the upper face of the transparent film is covered with a transparent protective layer (figure 3 layer 27 covers layer 28), as recited in claim 6.

Mauer discloses the method of manufacturing a personalized multilayer support comprising an assembly step during which an at least partially transparent film (11, 28) is fixed to the upper surface of a card body (13,26), a personalization step during which personal information (21,31) is placed on the upper face of the

card body so that the personal information is visible from the exterior of the support through the transparent film (figure 1) and a security step that is carried out after the assembly step during which marker lines (15-19,29,30) are produced by means of a laser beam (column 5 lines 10-40) so as to delimit zones of the film having reduced or increased mechanical strength forming tear scores with a view to causing the film to be torn if an attempt is made to peel the film (inherently these delimited zones of the film would cause some degree of tearing if peeling where attempted), as recited in claim 7.

Mauer discloses the marker lines are produced by forming grooves on at least one surface of the film (17,19,30 can be considered the grooves), as recited in claim 8.

Mauer discloses the marker lines are produced by forming weld beads at the interface between the film and card body (the examiner takes the position that the material remaining between the film and body after heat is transferred to the areas of 15-17 and 29, for example, by the laser constitutes a weld bead), as recited in claim 9.

Mauer discloses the marker lines are produced by forming grooves on at least one face of the transparent film and marks and/or welds at the interface between the transparent film and the adjacent card body, in line with the grooves (17,19,30 can be considered the grooves and 15,16,29 can be considered marks in line with the grooves), as recited in claim 10.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. This is simply art of interest and was not used to reject any claims in this office action (all showing id card and/or security features).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamila Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-4431. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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